

REQUEST FOR RECALCULATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW OF WYETH*

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*Wyeth v. Kappos, No. 2009-1120 (Fed. Cir., Jan. 7, 2010).

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Dear Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in support of the Applicants' request for recalculation of the patent term adjustment ("PTA") and in conjunction with Form PTO/SB/131 submitted herewith. The recent decision in *Wyeth v. Kappos*, 591 F.3d 1364, interpreted 35 U.S.C. § 154(b) and found that the Patent Office has been incorrectly determining PTA's. The PTA calculated by the Office prior to the *Wyeth* decision for the above-cited patent is 343 days. The Applicants, however, contend that the PTA should be 709 days and offer an explanation for this number below. No fees are believed to be due with this submission. Also, no Terminal Disclaimer was filed during the prosecution of the present patent.

The *Wyeth* court construed 35 U.S.C. § 154(b) to be understood by a simple equation: delays by the Patent Office missing a variety of deadlines as prescribed by 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(A) ("A Delays") plus delays by the Patent Office for not issuing a patent within three years of the filing days as prescribed by 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(B) ("B Delays") minus the number of days due to A Delays that also overlap the B Delays ("Overlap") minus the Applicants' Delays equals the PTA. In other words:

$$PTA = A \text{ Delays} + B \text{ Delays} - \text{Overlap} - \text{Applicants' Delay}$$

It should be noted that all delays are measured in terms of days.

The table in Appendix A, submitted herewith, outlines the relevant dates of various actions by the Office and the Applicants that occurred during the prosecution of the present patent, which may have resulted in delays of one form or another. As summarized in the table, the only A Delays were due to the Patent Office issuing a first action 366 days after fourteen months had passed from the initial filing of the present patent.

The B Delays total 586 days. This number comes from the fact that, because the patent did not issue until September 15, 2009, the Patent Office missed the three-year deadline prescribed by 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(B) by 1,060 days. However, the same statute limits this delay to time consumed by, *inter alia*, the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (“RCE”). Therefore, because the Applicants filed an RCE on May 29, 2008, the B delays will be reduced by 474 days. In other words, the total B Delays are 586 total days.

No A Delays overlapped with any B Delays. Therefore the Overlap is zero.

The Applicants delayed a total of 243 days. Sixty-one days of Applicants’ Delay were due to filing a response to the second action 61 days beyond the three-month shortened statutory period ended. Another 90 days were consumed because the Applicants filed an RCE to the fifth action 90 days after the three-month shortened statutory period ended. In addition, another 92 days accrued when then Applicants filed a response to the sixth action 92 days after the three-month shortened statutory period ended. Therefore, the sum Applicants’ Delay is 243 days.

Therefore, the total Patent Term Extension, which is reflected in the bottom line of the table, is 709 days. Expressed in the *Wyeth* equation: 366 days (A Delay) + 586 days (B Delay) – 0 days (Overlap) – 243 days (Applicants’ Delay) = 709 days.

Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the PTA be adjusted to 709 days.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix A

Activity	Date	A Delay	B Delay	Overlap	Applicants' Delay
Filing Date:	October 21, 2003	366	1060 -474	0	-61
First Action (Restriction):	December 22, 2005				
First Action Deadline:	December 21, 2004				
Response to 1A:	March 22, 2006				
Response to 1A Deadline:	March 22, 2006				
Second Action (Non-Final):	April 21, 2006				
Second Action Deadline:	July 22, 2006				
Response to 2A:	September 20, 2006				
Response to 2A Deadline:	July 21, 2006				
Third Action (Non-Final):	December 29, 2006				
Second Action Deadline:	January 20, 2007				
Response to 3A:	March 28, 2007				
Response to 3A Deadline:	March 29, 2007				
Fourth Action (Non-Final):	June 14, 2007				
Fourth Action Deadline:	July 28, 2007				
Response to 4A:	September 14, 2007				
Response to 4A Deadline:	September 14, 2007				
Fifth Action (Final):	November 29, 2007				
Fifth Action Deadline:	January 14, 2008				
Response to 5A (RCE):	May 29, 2008				-90
Response to 5A Deadline:	February 29, 2008				
Sixth Action (Non-Final):	August 20, 2008				
Sixth Action Deadline:	September 29, 2008				
Response to 6A:	February 20, 2009				-92
Response to 6A Deadline:	November 20, 2008				
NOA:	May 26, 2009				
NOA Deadline:	June 20, 2009				
Issue Fee Paid:	August 5, 2009				
Issue Fee Deadline:	August 26, 2009				
Issue Date:	September 15, 2009				
Issue Date Deadline:	December 5, 2009				
Three year deadline:	October 21, 2006				
First RCE Filed:	May 29, 2008				
Delay Totals:		366	586	0	-243
Term Adjustment (days):		709			